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TO: School Health and Nutrition Program Sponsors

FROM: Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent
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SUBJECT: Welcome New NSLP Directors

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It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce the new Health and Nutrition NSLP Directors. Lynn Ladd and Lee Renda have accepted the challenge of NSLP Directors. Both bring to the director position a great deal of knowledge and experience and will prove to be a valuable asset to ADE and the field.

Lynn Ladd will be the Health Program Director, NSLP. Lynn has worked in Health and Nutrition for the last four years. Two years ago Lynn accepted and has done an excellent job as the Lead Specialist assisting Kacey Frey in administering the health portion of the NSLP. She is a Registered Dietitian and received her bachelor's degree in Dietetics from ASU. She has served the dietetic community as past President of the Arizona Dietetic Association Central District and was the AZDA Recognize Young Dietitian of the Year in 2006. She is committed to Superintendent Horne's Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds initiative and is eager to continue to positively impact the health and well being of Arizona's children. Her outstanding skills and experience working with Arizona school health initiatives makes her an excellent choice to oversee all our health related programs with Health and Nutrition Services.

Lee Renda will be the Nutrition Program Director, NSLP. Lee has been involved in Child Nutrition programs for over 25 years including the National School Lunch Program, Early Childhood, Maternal Child Health programs and WIC. She has seventeen years experience as a Food Service Director at Wheaton Warrenville Community Unit School District (CUSD) in Wheaton, Illinois and Fountain Hills School District. In CUSD, Lee and her team were awarded the Creative Nutrition Award from the Nutrition Education and Training program for the collaboration efforts of successfully bringing together the food service, athletic department and booster parents at the high school. The program was to provide nutritious meals and snacks to the state champion football team before each game. Lee has worked with Arizona School Districts to assist and provide technical assistance in the implementation of their local wellness policy, the Arizona Nutrition Standards for K-8 and the Voluntary High School Nutrition Standards. Lee also serves as a co-chair for the Arizona Action for Healthy Kids Coalition which focuses on reducing childhood obesity and increasing good nutrition and physical activity in schools.

Please join me in congratulating both Lynn Ladd and Lee Renda on their new positions.